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Application of: Sagner *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/823,712

Art Unit: 1655

Filed: March 30, 2001

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun K.

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE  
EFFICIENCY OF NUCLEIC ACID  
AMPLIFICATIONS

Attorney Docket No.: 5443 (1803-326-999)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Final Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Filed herewith are: 1) Exhibit A ("Marked Up Version of Amended Paragraphs"); 2) Exhibit B ("Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims"); 3) Exhibit C ("Pending Claims After Entry of Instant Amendment"); 4) a Request for Continued Examination and 5) a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by three months from September 5, 2002 to and including **December 5, 2002**.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows: